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- 1. AS THIS POST DOES NOT AS YET HAVE A USIS OFFICER, AND OUR CU PROGRAM WAS GREATLY CURTAILED DUE TO THE CHANGING POLITICAL SITUATION, OUR ASSESSMENT WILL BE BRIEF.
- 2. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC COUNTRY PLAN OBJECTIVES, PROJECTS OR TARGET GROUPS. WE OPERATE A SMALL FILM LOAN LIBRARY, WHICH HAS BEEN VERY POPULAR, (450 FILMS WERE LOANED DURING THE PAST YEAR). WE ALSO DISTRIBUTE USIS MATERIALS TO THOSE WHO ASK FOR THEM AND TO CERTAIN SCHOOLS. WE RECEIVE PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE PRESS RELEASES FROM USIS RIO DE JANEIRO AND LISBON WHICH WE ATTEMPT TO PLACE IN THE LOCAL PAPERS. THESE ARE WELL RECEIVED AND, IF ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO, ARE OFTEN PUBLISHED. HOWEVER DUE TO A RECENT SLOW DOWN IN POUCH SERVICE THESE ARE OFTEN TWO WEEKS OLD WHEN RECEIVED AND THEN OF LITTLE USE TO THE LOCAL PRESS. RADIO TAPES IN EUROPEAN AND BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE ARE DISTRIBUTED TO MANY STATIONS AND ARE SOMETIMES AIRED BUT THEIR PROPAGANDA VALUE IS MINIMAL. WE HAVE JUST BEGUN A PROGRAM TO OFFER FILMS TO THE NEW LOCAL TV STATION AND WE HOPE TO FOLLOW THIS UP IN THE FUTURE.
- 3. OUR GRANTEE PROGRAM HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY CURTAILED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS FY, WITH ONLY ONE GRANT BEING OFFERED. THIS HOWEVER

IS A VALUABLE PROGRAM HERE AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO FIND SUITABLE GRANTEES ONCE THE LOCAL POLITICAL SIUTATION SORTS ITSELF OUT. WE HAVE FAILED IN ALL ATTEMPTS TO ARRANGE A FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR FOR THE LOCAL UNIVERSITY. PORTER

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